

TOUCH FASTENER CONFIGURATIONS

ABSTRACT

A releasable touch fastener has an engagement area configured to produce a twisting
5 about a centroid of the engagement area in the plane of engagement, in response to a
unidirectional shear load acting within the plane of engagement. One fastener component
has a flexible web carrying a multiplicity of loop-engageable fastener elements, or a region
of adhesive, defining the engagement area. Elasticity of the engaged materials enhances the
twisting effect.

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